Local purchase of CGHS medicines

862. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 80 per cent of the medicines are purchased by CGHS from local chemists instead of by the Medical Store Organization which is an authorized agency for the purchase of medicine for CGHS dispensaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to direct the CGHS to purchase more medicines through Medical Store Organization so as to minimize its expenditure; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Bulk Procurement of medicines in CGHS is done through Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC) for CGHS Delhi and for other cities through the Medical Store Organization (MSO) against rate finalized by the MSO. Only those medicines that are prescribed and are not available in the dispensary store are indented for supply by the authorized local chemists.

Disposal of used syringes

863. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that about 4.25 lakhs syringes which are discarded in the hospitals in the N.C.T of Delhi daily, only 30 per cent are incinerated and destroyed and the rest come into circulation as per study conducted by N.G.O. Vetavaran which conducted studies on the waste disposal machines in City Hospitals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 90 per cent of the discarded gloves are sold in the market for use in the small nursing homes; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject, such information is not centrally maintained. The State Pollution Control Board in respect of States and Pollution Control Committee in respect of UTs are the prescribed authorities to implement and enforce Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 and amendments thereof.

In so far as Central Government hospitals are concerned, the Bio-Medical Waste including the syringes and gloves are disposed as per the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998.

First aid service by safai karamcharies

864. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: